

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 25, 2015

The Special Council Meeting of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Council Chair Mel Rapozo at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 8:29 a.m., after which the following members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Gary L. Hooser (*present at 8:30 a.m.*)
Honorable Ross Kagawa
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro
Honorable KipuKai Kuali'i (*present at 8:37 a.m.*)
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura (*present at 8:33 a.m.*)
Honorable Mel Rapozo

(Councilmember Hooser was noted as present.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Councilmember Kagawa moved for approval of the agenda as circulated, seconded by Councilmember Chock, and unanimously carried (*Councilmember Kuali'i and Councilmember Yukimura were not present.*)

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Next item.

INTERVIEWS:

1. KAUA'I HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION:

- Charlotte L. Ho'omanawanui – Term ending 12/31/2017
(*At-Large*)

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you very much and welcome, Ms. Ho'omanawanui. I like that name. I see it on the back of that Patriot in the National Football League (NFL). That is pretty cool and trying to get those people to pronounce it properly. They have all got it down mostly now. Anyway, welcome and thank you for stepping up and agreeing to participate in this process. You are being nominated for the Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission. With that, we will give you an opportunity to say a little bit about yourself and then we will open it up for questions.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended:

CHARLOTTE L. HO'OMANAWANUI: My name is Charlotte. I was born and raised in Hā'ena in 1940. My parents were Nancy and Eddie Pu'ulei, but I was raised by my grandparents Jon and Mei Hanohano in Hā'ena. I have been here for all my life and then in 1950 we left to go to O'ahu because my dad was in the hospital Leahi. He was also a cowboy for Gay & Robinson. I have one (1) son Jonathan, who is with the Department of Liquor Control. I have a small little family. One (1) son and one (1) grandson. That is it. I figured I had this interview today so

my son said, "Mom, just go and relax. Say what you want to tell them. What they ask you, you answer it. If you think things are right, okay." I said, "Okay." It is the first time I have been in there. I guess I have been here long enough. I went to Honolulu, came back, retired as a City bus driver, came home and took care of my mom, and everybody has left now. Nobody is home here with me.

Council Chair Rapozo: Well, thank you. Your family, obviously, lots of history and roots out on the North Shore and on Kaua'i. So, we appreciate you being here today.

(Councilmember Yukimura was noted as present.)

Council Chair Rapozo: You are a Council's nominee. I just want the members to know that we were looking for someone and I got the feeling that you would be perfect for this. So, we submitted your name and that is why we are here today.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Well, I do the best what I can.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: I am glad you folks...

Council Chair Rapozo: Our culture and our history which is really what this Commission is about, preserving our history and our culture. To some extent, you can learn that in textbooks. To some extent, you can learn that, but we all know that Hawaiian was a verbal history with not much written.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: A lot is just passed on by generation. Your lifetime here will just serve that Commission well in my opinion.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: With that, any questions from the Council? This might be your quickest interview ever. No questions. Oh, Councilmember Chock.

Councilmember Chock: No questions. Just want to thank 'anakē for stepping up and helping us to be the voice to identify and protect our *wahipana*. I am fully supportive of your nomination as long as it does not take away from your work at Waipa on Thursday mornings, I think that is fine.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Just one (1) question. I was listening to you talk about your father. He worked for Gay & Robinson?

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: So, you folks did spend some time on the west side as well?

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Yes, we did when we were little at that time going back and forth just to visit not to stay or anything.

Councilmember Kagawa: What did your father do for Gay & Robinson?

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: He was a cowboy.

Councilmember Kagawa: Cowboy. Okay.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Same with Uncle Kaipo Chandler.

Councilmember Kagawa: Okay.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Both were in the same time.

Councilmember Kagawa: *Mahalo*.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: You know cowboys, rights? Never lived long. My dad died. He was forty-six (46) years old.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you. A lot of your childhood and your life was spent on the...

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: North shore side.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: We were one of the families that went through the tsunami in 1946.

Councilmember Kagawa: Wow.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: At that time I was six (6) years old and we were living in Hā'ena right across from Charles. No siren at the time. No warning. When we got up that morning, I remember I was six (6) years old and everything was floating away already. That wave was up. It comes up and goes down. My grandma tied me to her. Grandpa was on the other side in Hanalei working as a police officer. It was just her, my mom, my dad, my aunties, and cousins. That is all. That is why I have that fear for living near the ocean, but that is how we were and we spent all of our life up at powerhouse after until we had roads to come down.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you. I just want to thank you for volunteering to serve for us.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Yes. I just thought I was asked so I would just come and see what I can do and what I can say.

Councilmember Kagawa: I think from based on what you are saying and being that it is the Historic Preservation Commission, I think you are a very nice fit for the Commission. I thank you.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: I try to tell everybody my history. It is good to tell and to learn.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Some, they just look at you and then oh well. When I start talking, then they say, "Oh, wow." As much as I know and remember. All my life, it is...oh my God. It is nice being here. Thank you.

Councilmember Kagawa: *Mahalo.* Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you.

(Councilmember Kualii was noted as present.)

Council Chair Rapozo: Mr. Kualii is here. He got stuck in that Kapa'a traffic for some reason. I do not know what was going on today. Maybe just the rain.

Councilmember Kualii: It actually really was not that bad, and the rain, you just need to give an extra five (5) or ten (10) minutes.

Council Chair Rapozo: I am not sure if you have any questions or comments for Ms. Ho'omanawanui.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Hi.

Councilmember Kualii: No, just happy to see Auntie here.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: How are you?

Councilmember Kualii: Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: You are welcome.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you so much. My grandma used to tell us stories. Of course our family is all cowboys, old age, *pau* cowboys, and then plantation. She told stories that kind of got diminished when my mom started telling her stories and then when I started telling the stories to my kids. My kids have no clue about the stories that my grandma used to tell. Some of it, but not all of it. I think it is just a breath of fresh air for you.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: I met your mom. I know your mom too through Auntie Moke Hanohano family.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: So, we are just like all *'ohana*.

Council Chair Rapozo: Big family, I know.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: This is family, that is your auntie, and your uncle. That is how, but nowadays you do not have that.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes, and that is what you are going to be tasked with bringing to that Commission, the *'ohana* values.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Right. *'Ohana*. Always respectful.

Council Chair Rapozo: Yes. I am excited. Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Hi. Good morning.

Councilmember Yukimura: Good morning. I can see that you are going to contribute something very unique that nobody else can offer with your background, your stories, and your perspective.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: I am very soft-hearted too. Thank you for being here.

Councilmember Yukimura: Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Whatever I can do.

Councilmember Yukimura: *Mahalo*.

Council Chair Rapozo: Beautiful. Anything else? If not, thank you very much. You will be notified by our staff. Obviously, I think you can count the votes.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Okay. Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: I do not believe it is going to be a problem. You are going to be appointed and you will be notified.

Ms. Ho'omanawanui: Thank you all of you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you.

SCOTT K. SATO, Council Services Review Officer: Our next interview is for the Planning Commission. Kimo M. Keawe for a term ending December 31, 2017.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Kimo M. Keawe – Term ending 12/31/2017
(*Environmental*)

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Mr. Keawe. Mr. Keawe, again, same rules. You have an opportunity to say a little about yourself. The Mayor has named you as an appointee to the Planning Commission in an Environmental seat. So, if you would like to address us with a broad overview statement and then we will open it up for questions.

KIMO M. KEAWE: I think you have all received comments with my application. You all received that? I just wanted to reiterate some of those things. I have recently retired from full-time employment of (40) years operating resorts in Hawai'i. A little background. I first came to Kaua'i many years ago. You probably

know Ted and Hartwell Blake are. Well, Ted is my classmate. We would come on vacations and even way back then, I decide this is where I wanted to live. Kaua'i was the island that I wanted to live on. After school, we moved to Kaua'i and we have been here for forty-four (44) years. I got into the resort business. I started at Coco Palms. Some of you may know my background. I have had a good career with the resort business.

I was asked to serve on the Planning Commission and I have had a chance to briefly review the General Plan. There was one (1) thing that really struck me in there. It was the Citizens Advisory Committee. The twenty-five (25) meetings and the values that are important to people that live on Kaua'i. I have listed those values that are my values also. These are very important to me. It is one of the reasons I moved to Kaua'i. Number one was the protection, management, and enjoyment of our open spaces, unique natural beauty, rural lifestyle, outdoor recreation, and parks. The rural lifestyle was what I wanted. I wanted to raise my family here. I have three (3) children and ten (10) grandchildren. They are ages four (4) to nineteen (19). I want to make sure that what was important to us as we came here forty-four (44) years ago is still here. I am a fisherman, a hunter, and an outdoorsman. I am not your typical General Manager. I do not play golf. I do not play tennis. I am outdoorsman and that is why we moved to Kaua'i. It was important for us. I raised my children that way, and I want to be able to have my grandchildren have those similar experiences that we had when we first moved here.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as not present.)

Conservation of fishing grounds and other natural resources so that individuals and families can support themselves through traditional gathering and agricultural activities. Access along shorelines, waterways, and mountains for all. However, access should be controlled where necessary to conserve natural resources and to maintain the quality of public sites for fishing and hunting, recreation and wilderness activities valued by the community. I take my family camping every year. We have for almost a decade now. The entire 'ohana, we go every year in June to 'Anini Beach and that is just something that we all cherish and something the grandkids will cherish.

(Councilmember Kagawa was noted as present.)

Mr. Keawe: It is a legacy that we pass on. I want to make sure that those kinds of activities will still be available for all of us and for the next generation, that is important. Balanced management to our built environment clustering new development around existing communities and maintaining the four (4) story height limit. This one is really important. Recognition that our environment is our economy, our natural capital, and the basis of our economic survival and success. Diverse jobs and business opportunities so that people of all skill levels and capabilities can support themselves and their families. We need to find jobs. What are my grandkids going to do? Do they have to move away because they cannot find a job here that will support them? Look at what it costs to buy a home now. We need to make sure that we do things and plan for things for the future for this next generation. The millennials will rule the world, the ones that are eighteen (18) to thirty-four (34) years old now. They will make all of decisions, but we have a chance to forage a plan to make a difference in making sure we do not things that will erode that, that we will not be able to have those things that are important.

Balanced economic growth development promoting providing good jobs and a strong economy without sacrificing our environment for the quality of life. The appreciation and support for the traditions of the Native Hawaiian host culture and the many other cultural traditions and values that make up the Kaua'i community. Appreciation and support for the visitor industry and the role in preserving and honoring all cultures and the values as Kaua'i's leading source of income and the support of community festivals, recreation, arts, and culture.

In Section 3 of the plan, there was a section called Caring for Land, Water, and Culture. It talked about heritage resources. That is what we are talking about here. Heritage resources is the heritage of the people of Kaua'i, the physical features, the cultural meaning, the historical significance, and the visual experience. Those are all important to all of us. That is why we love this island. This island has been good to me. It has been good to my family. I have been so busy for the last forty (40) years with my nose to the grindstone and now it is time to give back.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you so much, Mr. Keawe. I appreciate that overview. It helps me. You answered my questions in your statement. I really like that. With that, I will open it up to anyone else that has questions for Mr. Keawe. Mr. Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you, Kimo. Thank you for being willing to serve on probably the most important and most demanding Commission of all. *Mahalo*. I am just going to ask you probably one the hot button issues should you get successful appointment. I think the Planning Department is planning on coming up with a homestay bill that is similar to Transient Vacation Rentals (TVRs) to be issued in various neighborhoods. O'ahu is having its problems now with TVRs. They say they have a lot of illegal ones out there. We just had Sam Lee and his group oppose the TVR by the Whaler's Cove by their resident's subdivision. They say it is about forty-six percent (46%) TVR and they are frustrated with the County that we allowed forty-six percent (46%) of their residential neighborhood to become TVRs. I just wanted your thoughts on the homestay issue which could expand the amount of TVRs. For those that feel it is already a problem, it is going to make the problem worse. I just wanted to get your thoughts, if any, at this point on approving a homestay.

Mr. Keawe: I am not familiar with any of the details of that. I do know that I would be concerned if the allowance of TVRs changes the culture of the neighborhood. We live in neighborhoods and we develop cultures amongst our neighbors. That would be a major concern for me. Again, I do not know any of the details of the bill.

Councilmember Kagawa: Yes. For the residents that live in the Whaler's Cove, I think some of the things that they said was that there is more traffic, their property values went sky-high which affected their property taxes, and if they were planning on selling in the near future, high values could provide a cash benefit to them. But they said they have no intentions of selling. Probably after they pass, they would pass it onto family members who probably will not sell. They were just concerned what it has done to their property values and property taxes. I think from that perspective, is that some of the things that you would be concerned about?

Mr. Keawe: Sure like anybody else. I guess a good example is what is happening in Hanalei. You have all of the old families their and then you have all of the large homes that are being built and it affects the taxes.

Again, I do not know any of the details of the bill. A lot of what I need to do is be educated as to what has happened in the past. Like I said, my nose has been through the grindstone for forty (40) years. Running a resort is like running a city. You are on twenty-four hours seven days a week (24/7). I have not paid a lot of attention to a lot of the things that have been going on. I do know that I would be concerned with those kinds of things especially in older neighborhoods and more established neighborhoods. That might be a concern.

Councilmember Kagawa: Thank you. I appreciate your answers,
Mr. Keawe.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Chock.

Councilmember Chock: *Aloha* and good morning.

Mr. Keawe: Good morning.

Councilmember Chock: Thank you so much for sharing a little bit about who you are and the values that you think are important. We have been getting a lot of E-mails about your nomination. I just wanted to be able to vet that a little bit more for the community. We know that you have spent forty (40) plus years in the visitor industry. We also know about your background as a Native Hawaiian and your interest in serving the environment as well. I just wanted to look into how you see balancing those two (2) backgrounds that you have.

Mr. Keawe: The funny part is that people actually assume I have been in the resort business so I am going to be pro-development. That is not necessarily true. I am very concerned that it is easy for people that do not know me to just look out and go, "Oh, he came from the resort business. He is going to want resorts everywhere." That is not true. If anything, I probably would be much more conservative because go back to the original values. I want to preserve the resources. I do not want to see brand new hue resorts in the middle of nowhere because they have a nice beach, those kinds of things. I think it is important that people know that for me, it is always about balance. We have to create jobs. I have ten (10) grandchildren. I do not want them to move away. So, they have to be good jobs. That is important. So, there has to be balance between new development, existing development, and just planning for the future. How much is enough? I think that is the best question. I think it is going to take a concerted effort amongst everyone to actually do that, especially the community. How much is enough?

Councilmember Chock: I appreciate that. Along those lines just as a follow-up. There has been a lot of talk about how we might diversify tourism or talk about eco-tourism and things like agro-tourism as well or agriculture. Do you have any thoughts or feelings about...

Mr. Keawe: Yes. We can see that even in the last several years. In the write up I had, we talked more about the environmental balance. The millennials are coming more for environmentally sustainable vacations. They look at the type of activities that we have now, going out, and just taking part of these beautiful things that happen here. That is important, I think, is to look at how we can balance a business activity that does not affect or harm the environment. I think that is really important. Coming up with new ideas about the kinds of environmental activities that we could do, I think is going to be very important especially for the future. I think more of the larger companies are realizing that what the new clients,

we call them the “millennials” and what their parents vacation was and what their grandparents vacation was and what they thought is different from what these new kids want. We have to be attuned to what they want and make sure it does not affect the environment negatively.

Councilmember Chock: *Mahalo.* I just wanted to state my support for your nomination.

Mr. Keawe: Thank you. Some of my friends think I am crazy.

Councilmember Chock: You are.

Mr. Keawe: When I retired....

Councilmember Chock: They would not be too far from the truth. I will just speak now in terms of my support. I know you on a different level, not in the visitor's industry. I know your family to be very rooted in the culture and also the integrity that anyone in the industry has worked with you can share. I think that you will be a good addition to the Planning Commission and I look forward to your service. Thank you for your volunteerism.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Councilmember Kuali'i.

Councilmember Kuali'i: *Aloha* and good morning, Mr. Keawe.

Mr. Keawe: *Aloha.*

Councilmember Kuali'i: *Mahalo* for your willingness to step forward and serve. Councilmember Kagawa and Councilmember Chock asked some of my questions and I am very happy with your answers and with your initial presentation. I think that it is very clear that you have the skills and intelligence and you have prepared before you came today. Thank you. You understand the General Plan enough. You have brought it back right to us. The only thing is these seven (7) positions on the Planning Commission are very important positions. I think as important as these seven (7) positions here on the Council. They are designated to certain categories, two (2) for Environment, two (2) for Business, two (2) for Labor, and then the one (1) At-Large. I would guess that if you were sitting here today for the At-Large position nobody would be asking any questions and we would not have heard any testimony from some members of the public. Having said that, and it was not an overwhelming amount of testimony, but even one (1) testimony we are here to represent the public. So, I think that it was important that we put those questions forward. The main last thing I would just want to ask is because of that designation and even though the Charter only talks about having knowledge or awareness, I think what the community wants to see is someone who is –and how do you define who is an environmentalist? I mean, sometimes I think I am an environmentalist and sometimes I think not really because I am not putting in the time and energy into that particular purpose as much as I should or a friend of the environment as they also say it. I just wanted to ask you, knowing that this is one of the two (2) positions that is designated for Environmental, are you willing to be a champion for the environment and what does that mean to you? I already hear what you have talked about as far as being a Hawaiian and all.

Mr. Keawe: Yes, I think I answered that by what values are important to me. The environment is our economy. So, you have to be a champion of the environment in order to make the economy work and to preserve it. Absolutely. What is important to me is the heritage resources we talked about. That is all environmental issues. I am not a member of any environmental group, but again going back to why did I move to Kaua'i? It was because of the island and because of the rural lifestyle. I do not want to see that go away. I do not want to see that ruined at the expense of development.

Councilmember Kualii: I think for me, one of the most important things you talked about was your children and grandchildren...

Mr. Keawe: Yes.

Councilmember Kualii: ...because I think for all of us who care and love the 'āina and want to see it remain, it is primarily for the purpose of the future generations.

Mr. Keawe: Right.

Councilmember Kualii: Thank you so much. Thank you, Council Chair.

Mr. Keawe: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: Good morning, Mr. Keawe.

Mr. Keawe: Good morning.

Councilmember Hooser: I think Councilmember Kualii kind of led into my questions as well as some others here that there are obviously are concerns. This is an Environmental position.

Mr. Keawe: Right.

Councilmember Hooser: And you spent the last forty (40) years at a hotel/resort development or management I should say.

Mr. Keawe: Management, not development.

Councilmember Hooser: So, it is context. It is not personal. The Labor positions on the Planning Commission are both people who are employees of labor unions or former employees or acting in labor union. To me, it is about the lens people look at the world. So, labor union people would look at that for workers. Since you have not been involved in environmental issues, I am assuming, I do not want to put words into your mouth, and besides the words and I appreciate the words and I think they are important. What have you done in support of environmental issues? Have you served in any organizations? Have you testified on any environmental issues? Have you testified against hotel development or for in terms of your political activity?

Mr. Keawe: I have not testified. If I may, part of what I submitted talked about the environmental issues that I have been involved with.

Beginning in 2006 just recently what I have been doing, I was involved in the implementation of green energy solutions including the planning and installation of medium and large scale photovoltaic installations. The first was a twenty-two kilowatt (22 kW) system for the administration building and then another twenty-five kilowatt (25 kW) system on the same building three (3) years later. Beginning in 2012, we started the planning process for a property wide five hundred kilowatt (500 kW) system and submitted permits in the last quarter of 2014. The process continues and we hope to begin installation in April of this year. Those were all environmental issues. As I mentioned, I do not know if I mentioned, the planning part or the hotel industry and the resort industry itself is really becoming much more environmentally conscious. That is basically where my environmental issues have been, is actually making that happen. It is not testifying or serving on boards. It is actually doing something to improve the environment. That is what I have been doing. Over the years, we have done that. The five hundred kilowatt (500 kW) system, as I said, the process continues. We hope to begin installation in April. We installed heat pumps recently. That is again, there are things to reduce our energy dependence. We installed variable speed pumps in our pool equipment. This is a Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) program that was very important. It is actually doing things to improve the environment. That is where my experience is. It is doing the things to improve the environment.

For the past five (5) years, I worked with architects who specialize in this field, we have designed a Native Hawaiian Plant Garden for the Cliffs of Princeville. This multifaceted project will encompass the majority of the twenty-two (22) acre property on the North Shore. The major landscape theme is to restore the *mauka/makai* native vegetation zones throughout the site patterned after the *ahupua'a*, land division of ancient Hawai'i. The plant species will be organized into mountain, upland, lowland, and coastal vegetation zones to recreate a natural vegetation continuum. Many of the plants featured will be from the current endangered species list and will be supplied by local nurseries, many of whom are now propagating these plants in a concerted effort to recover the species. This is doing something to improve the environment, to bring it back. Each of the gardens within the *mauka/makai* landscape will have its own landscape theme. Attractive, low key, and durable interpretive signage will be strategically placed amongst the themed planting beds surrounding each building highlighting amazing facts and stories of Hawai'i's flora and the many ways early Hawaiians used them. The Kumulipo, the Hawaiian creation chant, was used to source many of the relationship stories that will be featured. Some of these plants are found only on Kaua'i and nowhere else on Earth. Many are rare and endangered with only a few plants remaining in the wild. The first phase of this project is expected to begin this year. Part of why we did this and why we wanted to expose this to the younger children...we have a relationship with Kilauea Elementary School that we do a lot of mentoring with the Kilauea Elementary School. Part of it is so that the school kids can come and see the Nepali Hibiscus. There are only three (3) left in the wild. We are going to grow it there so that they can actually see these plants. It is doing something for the environment.

The last six (6) years, and you are probably very well familiar with the Newell's Shearwater issue. For six (6) years, we have been working with the State and Federal Wildlife agencies to develop a Kaua'i Seabird Habitat Conservation Plan (KSHCP) for the property in an effort to mitigate light attraction of the Newell's Shearwater seabird. We have developed a draft plan that includes light attraction avoidance and minimization alternatives, staff and personnel training and take monitoring. The project is ongoing and is expected to last for several more years as the KSHCP is reviewed and refined and funding alternatives and sources are developed to sustain

the effort to grow more birds for the next thirty (30) years. We are doing something to try to bring back the Newell's Shearwater. I can tell you, one of the issues that we had was the cost. The cost of the original KSHCP was somewhere around six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) to grow birds. So, we have to find alternatives and funding to be able to do this. We are all for bringing the birds back, absolutely, but it had to make sense. It had to be balance. We want to participate. Again, we are doing something to save the environment.

Several years ago National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) designated the property as an official annual sanctuary ocean count site. Each year during the last weekend of January, February, and March, The Cliffs is open to the public to participate in the Annual Humpback Whale Count. The event has been getting larger each year and the Department of Interior recently sent a special sign that has been installed overlooking the bluff. It is an interactive sign that permanently marks the site from the Department of Interior.

Finally, just one (1) other thing. You remember several years ago we had some real issues with regard to visitors drowning and the number of drownings that we had. We set up a special program with NOAA. We hosted an Ocean Awareness Training session. Ocean experts came together to provide multi-disciplinary knowledge of Hawai'i's unique marine environment. There were over fifty (50) people in attendance and a lot of these were from the various resorts and they are also people involved in the community. The instructors included university scientists, government agency staff, subject matter experts, and conservations practitioners. The participants who completed the training...it was over a three (3) week period. This was not a single day. They were certified. It was called C.O.R.A.L., and that is Care of Culture, Oceans, Reefs, and Animal Life. So, that is doing something about the environment.

Councilmember Hooser: Thank you for that summary. Outside your professional occupation, are you a member of other organizations in the community? The Chamber of Commerce?

Mr. Keawe: Yes, I am on the Board of Directors for the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Hooser: Okay. What would you say are the main issues in the environmental community in terms of their concerns? Let us say on the north shore, east side, south shore, what...

Mr. Keawe: For me, again, going back to what I mentioned was just the preservation of our land resources.

Councilmember Hooser: Right. What about specific issues that our community is galvanizing around or really concerned about?

Mr. Keawe: Hā'ena. That is a real concern. We can see the degradation of the natural resources because of the amount of people that go through Hā'ena and at Kē'e Beach. That is a real concern. What do we do? How do we manage that so that people can use it without destroying it? Look at the number of visitors that go on the Kalalau Trail. Is there something that we can do to make that better?

Councilmember Hooser: What about the Hanalei Ridge Project?

Mr. Keawe: I do not know enough about it. I managed Hanalei Bay Resort which is right across there. I do know that there is a marsh there and there is also some ancient ruins there that date back to the fourteenth century Anno Domini (A.D.). Whatever happens there, it would be nice to be able to preserve that, but I do not know much about the details of that.

Councilmember Hooser: Okay. In terms of whether there should be a resort there or not or what it should look like, do you have any thoughts about that?

Mr. Keawe: No. I understand someone is proposing something to do there.

Councilmember Hooser: Do you manage Hanalei Bay Resort now?

Mr. Keawe: No.

Councilmember Hooser: No. The Cliffs.

Mr. Keawe: The Cliffs at Princeville. I am not managing at all. I am done.

Councilmember Hooser: That is right. Close to the area.

Mr. Keawe: Yes.

Councilmember Hooser: Just a few more questions if I could. Other issues that, shoreline preservation, water issues. These are issues that...

Mr. Keawe: Access to beaches. Those are all important to me. I am a fisherman.

Councilmember Hooser: Right.

Mr. Keawe: How many more things are going to be closed off because of the acquisition by private landowners?

Councilmember Hooser: Okay. Thank you very much.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Good morning.

Mr. Keawe: Morning.

Councilmember Yukimura: Thank you for your presentation which is helping us to see you outside of the role of a forty (40) plus year resort manager because that is mainly how we know you.

Mr. Keawe: Right.

Councilmember Yukimura: And you have done a wonderful job in that role. It has been interesting to see how you have integrated environmental concerns within the work that you are doing. If you take on this Planning Commission, you will now be dealing with the question of how to integrate environment into the

community level issues not a resort level. Your first value is protection management and enjoyment of open spaces, unique natural beauty, rural lifestyle, outdoor recreation, and parks. The Administration in the budget that has just come to us is proposing to reduce the amount of real property tax percentage that we put aside for open space. Is that something you support the reduction of the percentage?

Mr. Keawe: I would have to tell you, I am not a political person at all. So, I do not know anything about the budget or what has happened. I do know that in keeping with the value, we need to be able to provide some funds for each of those categories. I do not know any of the specifics with regard to that. I do know from just seeing what was on the news, that the amount of funding for the County has been drastically reduced from the State and the tax base and that type of thing. So, there is a concern in doing that, but I do not know any of the specifics.

Councilmember Yukimura: Well, the thing is now you will be called to make decisions at that level.

Mr. Keawe: True.

Councilmember Yukimura: The question is whether you would be able to assert the environmental interest, which you say is supreme because the environment is our economy.

Mr. Keawe: Is our economy. True.

Councilmember Yukimura: So, it is sort of important that somebody who is making decisions at that level have an awareness of the environmental issues at that level.

Mr. Keawe: True.

Councilmember Yukimura: You understand, I am sure, how expensive land is in Hawai'i and how if we do not protect it, it is lost forever. For example, right now in the South Kaua'i plan, which came through the Planning Commission, one of the issues is with an increases in resorts and population, how are we going to serve the need for beach park? The question is Po'ipū Beach Park is really the only beach park there and we see a tremendous increase. Just in Kukui'ula alone, there is going to be seven hundred fifty (750) more resort units.

Mr. Keawe: Right.

Councilmember Yukimura: And another seven hundred fifty (750) residential units, and the plan is calling for more. So, how we do plan for adequate beach park in South Kaua'i? There was a vacant lot right next to Po'ipū Beach Park which we could have acquired. I remember that some of the Kukui'ula moneys were set aside for it, but this Council and the community chose not to fund that partly because of how much it would cost. So, having moneys to purchase open space before a house is built on it which then takes it out probably forever as a possibility. So, that is how critical open space funds are.

Council Chair Rapozo: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: He is not applying for Open Space Commission. He is applying for the Planning Commission. That decision is ours, not his. So, we have that coming up on the agenda today.

Councilmember Yukimura: But my question is about environmental values as...

Council Chair Rapozo: No, your question was...

Councilmember Yukimura: ...expressed through...

Council Chair Rapozo: Hang on.

Councilmember Yukimura: ...positions.

Council Chair Rapozo: Let me remind you what your question was. What is his position on the Open Space Fund being lowered?

Councilmember Yukimura: That is right.

Council Chair Rapozo: First of all, the Mayor is not lowering it. He is setting a floor so that the Council cannot take it all away. You look at it differently, but he is applying for Planning Commission. He is not applying for Open Space. So, direct your questions as it relates to the Planning Commission and his decisions that will be made on the Planning Commission not Open Space.

Councilmember Yukimura: Mr. Keawe has said that the role of the Planning Commission is to advise the Council and this is...

Council Chair Rapozo: On planning matters.

Councilmember Yukimura: This is a planning matter.

Mr. Keawe: But I am not Planning Commissioner yet.

Council Chair Rapozo: Correct.

Councilmember Yukimura: No.

Council Chair Rapozo: She thinks you are and I am going to stop that.

Mr. Keawe: I do not have any of that background.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes. I am just explaining the background behind my question.

Mr. Keawe: Right.

Councilmember Yukimura: I accept your answer whatever that may be. This is the kind of test that a Planning Commissioner will be asked to meet in making decisions on public issues that affect the environment.

Mr. Keawe: Right, and I understand that part of it, but without all of the facts, details, and history of what brought that to the floor, it is very to make a decision. If I say something today and if I am fortunate enough to be approved, then somebody will come back and say, "Well, you said in this meeting that you supported this." But I did not have all of the facts.

Councilmember Yukimura: Right.

Mr. Keawe: I did not know what constituted the issue to begin with.

Councilmember Yukimura: Right.

Mr. Keawe: It would be very difficult to make a decision as such with regard to that without knowing what the background was.

Councilmember Yukimura: Right and...

Mr. Keawe: But again, I will go back to what I said. Yes, I support open space. I want to make sure that we have enough of that available, but when you ask me for specifics, I think it would be unfair or I cannot answer that unless I know what you are talking about and what the history of it was. I do support open space, obviously. All the things that I have told you are about that.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, well, everybody here supports open space.

Mr. Keawe: Right.

Councilmember Yukimura: But how we express our support of open space may bring us to different sides of the issue.

Mr. Keawe: True.

Councilmember Yukimura: I am trying to judge your suitability as a Planning Commissioner in the Environmental capacity. So, I believe it is a legitimate question. Your answer is a legitimate answer.

Mr. Keawe: Let me put it this way. If open space for a specific issue had proper funding in that to be able to acquire that without taking away from other vital resources or issues or services for the County, I think that would be something that should be considered. If it is not and you are going to buy a park and then you are going to have one (1) program and the County go away because we had to buy this park and that particularly program affects five hundred (500) people, that does not make sense.

Councilmember Yukimura: Except that when you are working on the environment, usually you take the long view because you do not want to ask people in the future to pay for the present. So, that is what distinguishes often and environmentalist from another. Let me go on and just ask you some other questions.

Mr. Keawe: Okay.

Councilmember Yukimura: Because you say that you will need the background in order to make decisions and that is absolutely true, when we look if someone with an environmental background, we feel they bring some of that background. If you do not have that background now you will have to ask questions, have a mode of inquiry, and a willingness to understand that background before you make a decision. You have to know what you do not know, right? My question is, how good are you at asking questions? On the Planning Commission, often times people do not even ask questions.

Mr. Keawe: Right. You are saying that because I do not have an environmental background from your perspective...

Council Chair Rapozo: Mr. Keawe, she is asking you if you are good at asking questions. That was the question.

Mr. Keawe: Yes.

Councilmember Yukimura: Please let me just...

Council Chair Rapozo: No, we are not going to...

Councilmember Yukimura: ...interpret my questions.

Council Chair Rapozo: That is what the question was. Are you good at asking questions?

Mr. Keawe: Yes, I think...

Councilmember Yukimura: But he is trying to understand the background and I appreciate that, behind my question. Go ahead, answer.

Mr. Keawe: Obviously, yes. I would want to find more facts about a specific issue and go to whatever sources are appropriate to find and ask appropriate questions for that issue.

Councilmember Yukimura: Sometimes the answers are in front of you in people testifying.

Mr. Keawe: True.

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes. Okay. And sometimes they are not. You are right. You have to go to other sources. Do you have any opinions about the role of land transportation and protecting the environment?

Mr. Keawe: About land transportation? Like what? I am sorry.

Councilmember Yukimura: Do you have any concept of what a sustainable land transportation system might look like? Let us see. You say balanced economic growth providing good jobs and a strong economy without sacrificing our environment and quality of life. Sometimes that calls for some really hard decisions. Can you give me examples of how you have made such hard decisions?

Mr. Keawe: How I have made such hard decisions?

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes, in balancing and putting environment in front of short-term economics.

Mr. Keawe: I do not think I have. What I have shown you is what I have done with the projects that I have been involved with.

Councilmember Yukimura: And they are very admirable projects.

Mr. Keawe: That is basically my experience. From our standpoint in doing these, these were all issues that had a win-win situation meaning we had a lower operating cost and it was good for the environment. So, that is the perspective that I can give you with regard to making those kinds of decisions. That is from what I know.

Councilmember Yukimura: I am very much in favor of win-win decisions for projects because often they are right under our nose and we do not see that. So, that is good. Sometimes you have to make a decision that is a "no" to one thing and a "yes" to another thing. Okay. Thank you very much.

Mr. Keawe: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Any other questions? If not, thank you very much. I do have one (1), it is more of a pointed question, and it is a follow-up to Councilmember Kagawa's. Again, the Hanalei Ridge project that was discussed earlier has been withdrawn. That developer has withdrawn the project,

Mr. Keawe: Oh, okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: I really appreciate your responses. That project is off the table at the current time. I do have a pointed question and it involves the TVR issue. What is happening is the illegal TVR. The TVRs that did not make the requirements for the non-conforming use certificates are now rushing to Planning to get this homestay which is bed and breakfast. That bill is going to show up at the Planning Department in April, which if you get appointed, you will be there and I need to know what your position is or what your opinion is. You have been in the visitor industry for a long time so I know that you are well aware of bed and breakfasts. One of the biggest issues that is on my mind is the definition of a homestay. They gave it a new name, but it is a bed and breakfast. One of the definitions that I fully support is that the owner of the home has to live in the home. He has to or she has to qualify for a Homestead class. So, they have to live in the house. They cannot be absentee owners. I need to know. It is just really a philosophical question. Do you believe that in a bed a breakfast or a homestay, the owner should reside in the house?

Mr. Keawe: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you very much. Mr. Kagawa.

Councilmember Kagawa: One of the things that you brought up that hits home for me is that you are a fisherman.

Mr. Keawe: Yes.

Councilmember Kagawa: I just want to ask this question because I think it is important to your observation of a fisherman, as an environmentalist, and as a *kama'āina*. As you go fishing recently, I do not know if you go as much as you used to. Do you see or do you catch much less than before as far as fish, *'opihi*, or what have you in the same spots that you used to go?

Mr. Keawe: I have been here for a long time. So, a lot of the spots that we go to, there is not as many fish. You can tell because there are more fishermen. Again, getting back to what is important, I want to be able to teach my grandkids how to look for squid and still find it. That is important. So, that is a real concern. It is just preserving those natural resources and how do we manage it. We want people to participate. It may come down to what they do in Honolulu like Hanauma Bay in making a preserve or alternating years. The Waikiki area where they open one (1) year and they close it for a whole year. You have to give the environment and the natural resources and animals a chance to replenish themselves. The Hawaiians used to practice conservation. They only took what they could eat. Now people just take what they want to take and that is an issue.

Councilmember Kagawa: *Mahalo*. I just want to note that I have been teaching at Kapa'a High School with your wife and your son. They are top notch as can be. I think a man, a father, and a husband is a reflection of his family. I just want to note that they are top notch. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Mr. Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: Just a quick follow-up to Council Chair Rapozo's question regarding the homestays. I understand you have not studied this issue and that is why I want to ask this follow-up question because things are always more complicated then they appear at first glance. I understand that you said the definition of a bed and breakfast would be the person lives in the house. What about when you have a little cottage right next to your house? So, a five hundred (500) square foot guest house or something. I live in the house, I rent that out, and go take the people breakfast and things like that. Does that meet the definition of a bed and breakfast?

Mr. Keawe: So, he lives in a cottage on the lot?

Councilmember Hooser: Well, you have a house.

Mr. Keawe: You have a house.

Councilmember Hooser: And then you have a cottage.

Mr. Keawe: You have a cottage.

Councilmember Hooser: Yes.

Mr. Keawe: I do not know. I do not know enough about it.
I am sorry.

Councilmember Hooser: No. Do not apologize. I just thought things are complicated.

Mr. Keawe: It is.

Councilmember Hooser: How big is the house? Does it have a separation? That kind of thing.

Mr. Keawe: Right.

Councilmember Hooser: My other follow-up question was someone was talked about the South Shore Development plan. It is m understanding the first draft of the plan included an additional resort site next to the Grand Hyatt Kaua'i Resort and Spa by the golf course tucked away there and that has been removed. There has some discussion about putting it back. Do you believe that there needs to be or there should be another resort in that area right now in terms of zoning?

Mr. Keawe: I need to see more of the details. It is difficult for me to answer those questions because I do not know any of the background. I will leave it with this, how much is enough? I think that is what I am going to try to look at and make sure that whatever we do with regard to planning, we do not forget about our local folks here and our lifestyle.

Councilmember Hooser: Do you think we have enough here?

Mr. Keawe: What was that?

Councilmember Hooser: Do you think we have enough now?

Mr. Keawe: I do not know because the other side of that is what about the next generation? Where are they going to work? Do we have enough employment so that they do not have to go to Las Vegas?

Councilmember Hooser: I think the situation today, if a proposal was there today for a new resort designation to come before the Planning Commission, how would you be inclined to deal with that?

Mr. Keawe: That is really difficult to say. It depends on the resort. It depends on the location. Is it needed? Is it sustainable? One of the things that I am going to be looking for any new development is sustainability because that is important.

Councilmember Hooser: What does that mean?

Mr. Keawe: What does that mean?

Councilmember Hooser: Yes. Is the resort sustainable?

Mr. Keawe: Proper use of recycling, of things that we talked about, and the reduction of energy consumption in all of its forms, heat pumps, variable speed pumps, solar, and those types of things. Those are really important things in making that happen. There are a lot of different kinds of things now that can be recycled into building materials. Having new resorts that have that environmental plan and sustainable landscaping are very important.

Councilmember Hooser: And traffic?

Mr. Keawe: Traffic is always a problem. I mean, nobody is ever satisfied with the traffic. When I moved here there was one (1) stoplight and

it was in Mānā. I remember when they put the traffic lights up in Līhu'e and they had to put it in three (3) different languages because of the different populations here. I am concerned with traffic like everybody else. We have a two-lane highway. I do not know if we will ever get to four (4) lanes or even three (3) lanes. Like anyone else, I sit in traffic and wonder, oh my goodness.

Councilmember Hooser: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Councilmember Kaneshiro.

Councilmember Kaneshiro: Thank you, Mr. Keawe. I know you have been getting a lot of questions. I appreciate your ability to say you do not have enough information, you do not know, you are not able to answer. For me, I know you mentioned it earlier and I just want to get a better understanding of your upbringing and the values that you learned through your family. I know I saw that you went to Kamehameha Schools. What type of values you learned growing up that you still hold today and in particular, about the environment?

Mr. Keawe: Well, I guess the first one was integrity. Your word is your (inaudible). I have carried that through my entire career over and above often times contracts. I understand the role of the legal profession, but I grew up in the era of you shake a man's hand and that is it. So, that was very important. Preserving the lifestyle. My grandparents lived in Lā'ie right across from the beach and we were taught about conserving the resources especially the fishing resources. That is why I learned about fishing, it was from my grandparents. This was a long time ago. Those are very important things. The values of your word conserving the resources. The other thing that was really important and my dad was a stickler on this, was punctuality. Just show up on time. As an employer, it drives you nuts when people come in late and that is really important. People's time is important. So, if we have a meeting scheduled, show up on time. That is important. It is those little things. It is a bunch of little things that are important. Taking care of the land. Learning from Mrs. Guslander to pick up rubbish wherever I went on Coco Palms or wherever. I carried that through forty (40) years. That was important. Take care of the land. *Malama the 'āina*.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. One (1) last question. Are you aware of the, and it is perfectly fine if you do not because I think most people do not. This is a follow-up to Councilmember Hooser's question about are we are that point of enough. Are you aware of the amount or the number of already zoned and approved transient accommodation units on the island?

Mr. Keawe: No.

Council Chair Rapozo: Okay. You will learn that soon and I think it will give you a much better perspective and, I think, the reason for Councilmember Hooser's question because it is substantial.

Mr. Keawe: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: I will leave you with that and you can go explore that. We can actually provide that for you. Thank you very much. Thank you all.

Mr. Keawe: Thanks.

Council Chair Rapozo: I am going to take the last interview and then we will open it up for public testimony because we are way behind schedule.

Mr. Sato: Our last interview for the Cost Control Commission is Tricia-Lynn K. Yamashita for the term ending December 31, 2017.

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Council Chair Rapozo: You must be nervous right now. I probably would have left if I were you. I probably would have just said, "Thanks, but no thanks."

TRICIA-LYNN K. YAMASHITA: That can still happen.

Council Chair Rapozo: If you could just start by stating your name for our captioner, then give us an overview of you, and then we will open it up and hopefully the Councilmembers are exhausted already.

Ms. Yamashita: *Aloha.* I am Tricia Yamashita. I moved to Kaua'i thirteen (13) years ago, born and raised in Kailua, O'ahu. My family are residents and have lived here all my life in Hawai'i. I have three (3) children, two (2) sons in college and one (1) at the middle school. I am married to Roy Yamashita and we have been married for twenty-three (23) years. I serve now as the Operations Director of Kaua'i Hospice and have served most of my work in the non-profit sector. I have been asked to serve on the Cost Control Commission and I am willing to serve. That is the end of my statement.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you very much. Any questions for Tricia? No questions. Okay, I have one (1).

Ms. Yamashita: Okay.

Council Chair Rapozo: I ask this of every Cost Control Commission nominee because I think it is important. I am sure or I hope they provided you the Charter with your duties and that it is real specific.

Ms. Yamashita: Yes.

Council Chair Rapozo: My question will probably generate other questions. The Cost Control Commission is a vital Commission because the goal is to cut programs without cutting the services that may be duplicative, maybe no longer needed, and it is not about looking for ways to raise revenue. That is what the Charter is specific about. Recently, the last few recommendations that has come from the Cost Control Commission were ways to raise revenue, which is not their function. My question to you is are you willing to stand up to that political climate of looking for ways to raise revenue versus doing what the Charter specifically states, is cutting spending? That is what we need right now. We do not need new ways of revenue. We need to cut spending. My question is real simple. Are you willing to stand up to that pressure and utilizing the resources that you have, honestly look for ways...the Cost Control Commission has the ability to request information from every Department in this County without a subpoena. You have that authority. Records, financial, or whatever you want. Travel documents. You can ask for everything you

want including this Council Services. Are you willing to do that with the purpose of cutting government spending without cutting government services?

Ms. Yamashita: Absolutely.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. Beautiful. Thank you. You are done.

Ms. Yamashita: Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: With that, I will open it up for public testimony. I know Mr. Taylor has his hand up for a while. So, we will start with you. Thank you, Mr. Taylor.

KEN TAYLOR: Chairs and members of the Council, my name is Ken Taylor. I am going to speak in reference to the appointment for the Environmental position on the Planning Commission. With all due respect to this gentleman I have never met before, I never saw him before today, I have a real problem. First of all, I would say I think he is highly qualified to be a Planning Commissioner under business or an At-Large position. For an Environmental position, I think it is wrong. It is really wrong for the Mayor to send somebody like this for consideration. One of the comments that was made early in his presentation was we have to have a balance. If the environment of our island is the size of this paper, the social aspects of the island are half of it. The development part of the island is this part of it. There is no balance. The only thing we have is the environment and without the environment, there is no development, there is no social aspect. He has a very strong business background and I appreciate that. It is a very important situation to be on the Planning Commission, but not under this seat of the Environmental appointment. Hopefully, you will send it back to the Mayor and ask him for a strong Environmental candidate. Thank you.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Anyone else wishing to testify on any of the interviews? Please. If you would come up, state your name for our captioner, and proceed.

MATT BERNABE: I sure will.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you.

Mr. Bernabe: Good morning. Matt Bernabe. Well, as I was listening, first I would like to ask, there is a plan to convert the TVRs over to bed and breakfasts coming up in the Planning Commission? Is that what I heard earlier?

Council Chair Rapozo: No. It is to regulate bed and breakfasts because right now there is no real regulation.

Mr. Bernabe: Okay. I did not hear that correctly. Sorry. The other thing I want to point out is I also fish. Po'ipū is dead. I mean, there are regions out there in the Mahaulepu area that before this dairy ever touches, it is already dead.

Council Chair Rapozo: Mr. Bernabe, let me just start...

Mr. Bernabe: Hold on, this has to do with the Planning because my question is sewage planning?

Council Chair Rapozo: This is about the Planning Commission.

Mr. Bernabe: Well, that is my question. The question to him is where is the Planning Department's long-term goal for a sewage plant for that region especially if they are going to put more hotels if that is the question, and water infrastructure. I will always reiterate this. Why are they not *hui* up with the Water Department, getting all of the old flumes and reservoirs back on line? This is infrastructure for whatever planning goes on. I did not hear one (1) question from you folks. Have you folks coordinated with the Water Department to get...

Council Chair Rapozo: Because today is an interview for...

Mr. Bernabe: Oh, I understand that. Just like you folks emphasizing environmental, I do not understand why there is not an emphasis on water infrastructure at every one of these conversations.

Council Chair Rapozo: Let me do this so that we stay within the rules. I am going to ask you which interviewee you are testifying...

Mr. Bernabe: The Planning Commission.

Council Chair Rapozo: Do you support the nomination? If not or if you do, why? That is...

Mr. Bernabe: I actually do support the nomination. I do not think just because you have a business history that should exclude you. If you are willing to come up here and participate in the functioning of our community, what should it be that you had forty (40) years of a business? Better yet. I think if you could bring it to the table, it could be harnessed. There has to be a balance somewhere. You folks all talk about having to have growth. My point is that in this conversation, whoever the nominee is, they need to be bringing more of the sewage plant language and more of the water infrastructure language. We are wet. That side is dry. I am from Kapa'a. My point is that those reefs are dead. You folks want to talk about fishing, I fish over there. Certain species come in, *ōmilu* come in, they have houses other places, they go along the coast, there are a few *moi* holes here and there, but the rest of it is dead. The reason is because there is no sewage plan out there. So, all of the people talking about do not expansion of their neighborhood they are already contributing to this problem. I am just saying that I support this person, but let us have some better language in the questions too on the part of you folks. I would like to hear you folks reiterate water infrastructure and sewage plant as much as you do bus, traffic, and solid waste. That is all I want to say. I do not discredit the person because of the business. I think maybe we can harness something.

Council Chair Rapozo: Thank you. He is sitting in the back so he got all of your comments. Anyone else wishing to testify?

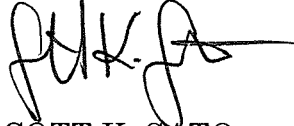
There being no further testimony, the meeting was called to order, and proceeded as follows:

Council Chair Rapozo: We are voting on this, this afternoon. All of the nominees, you will be notified this afternoon. Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.K. Sato', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

SCOTT K. SATO
Council Services Review Officer

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